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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1987**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Davis**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Section 51745 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1987, as amended, Davis. Pupil instruction: independent study: leadership course.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district or a county office of education to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of pupils. Existing law specifies certain educational opportunities that may be offered through independent study, *including, among others, volunteer community service activities that support and strengthen pupil achievement*.

This bill would include a leadership course, as specified, *opportunities* within the educational opportunities that may be offered through independent study and would make several technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 51745 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

1 51745. (a) Commencing with the 1990–91 school year, the  
2 governing board of a school district or a county office of education  
3 may offer independent study to meet the educational needs of  
4 pupils in accordance with the requirements of this article.  
5 Educational opportunities offered through independent study may  
6 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) Special assignments extending the content of regular courses  
8 of instruction.

9 (2) Individualized study in a particular area of interest or in a  
10 subject not currently available in the regular school curriculum.

11 (3) Individualized alternative education designed to teach the  
12 knowledge and skills of the core curriculum. Independent study  
13 shall not be provided as an alternative curriculum.

14 (4) Continuing and special study during travel.

15 (5) Volunteer community service activities *and leadership*  
16 *opportunities* that support and strengthen pupil achievement.

17 ~~(6) A leadership course approved by a statewide or national~~  
18 ~~community service agency that is designed to improve the character~~  
19 ~~and leadership traits of a pupil.~~

20 (b) Not more than 10 percent of the pupils participating in an  
21 opportunity school or program, or a continuation high school,  
22 calculated as specified by the department, shall be eligible for  
23 apportionment credit for independent study pursuant to this article.  
24 A pupil who is pregnant or is a parent who is the primary caregiver  
25 for one or more of his or her children shall not be counted within  
26 the 10 percent cap.

27 (c) An individual with exceptional needs, as defined in Section  
28 56026, shall not participate in independent study, unless his or her  
29 individualized education program developed pursuant to Article  
30 3 (commencing with Section 56340) of Chapter 4 of Part 30  
31 specifically provides for that participation.

32 (d) A temporarily disabled pupil shall not receive individual  
33 instruction pursuant to Section 48206.3 through independent study.

34 (e) No course included among the courses required for high  
35 school graduation under Section 51225.3 shall be offered  
36 exclusively through independent study.